

ATTACHMENT: IA

SUMMARY

In November 1956, the CIA chaired a meeting of representatives from Air Technical Intelligence Center, U. S. Hydrographic Office, Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, and the Air Force Cambridge Research Center to review U. S. defense interests in the sharing of geodetic and gravimetric data with unfriendly countries that may develop in connection with the International Geophysical Year and continue thereafter. The group concluded that these data must be considered as having military value--in some cases, a value of considerable strategic importance. U. S. security is menaced because the USSR has access to U. S. data but does not share its own. It was agreed that further meetings should be held to explore techniques of denial that would limit USSR advantages in the field.